

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 2, 2024

The MEETING took place at the Swim & Racquet Center and was live-streamed for viewing & listening through Zoom. The meeting was called to order by CHAIR Erin Wright at 5:15 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Craig F. Ehrnst
Steven M. Engel
Robert K. Rollins, Jr.
Susan Vogelgesang
Erin Wright

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Mr. Robert DuKate encouraged the District to reconsider the Resolution concerning the Jeffery Street Extension for public safety and questioned the sudden shift in action from the Board. He questioned the discrepancy between past intentions to confront the city about the CRA and the recent payment made to the CRA without public discussion.

Mr. Harold Chaffee expressed concern regarding the safety issues arising from the Jeffery Street extension. He emphasized the District's responsibility to ensure public safety and highlighted potential disruptions to trails and recreational areas due to the road's construction, suggesting it might compromise the planned layout.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 18, 2023, at 5:15 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Election of Officers

Chair

Commissioner Vogelgesang nominated Erin Wright for the position of Chair. Commissioner Engel seconded the nomination.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Engel to close the nominations and elect Erin Wright for the position of Chair in 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Vice-Chair

Commissioner Vogelgesang nominated Robert Rollins, Jr. for the position of Vice-Chair, and Commissioner Engel seconded the nomination.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to close the nominations and elect Robert Rollins, Jr. as Vice-Chair in 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Secretary-Treasurer

Commissioner Vogelgesang nominated Craig Ehrnst for the position of Secretary-Treasurer, and Commissioner Engel seconded the nomination.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to close the nominations and elect Craig Ehrnst as Secretary-Treasurer in 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

2. FAU Glades Field Restroom Cleaning

At the March 6, 2023, meeting, the Board approved paying for extra restroom cleaning at the Glades Road field at FAU for peak use times over three months. Initially, the cost was \$1491.96 monthly, covering trash emptying, supply restocking, and 22 hours of cleaning each weekend. The fee has risen to \$1,805.61 monthly, totaling \$5,416.83 annually. The cleaning contract, awarded by FAU through a state bid, limits the District's options. Staff recommended continuing the additional services from January 9, 2024, to April 9, 2024, to maintain safe and clean facilities for sports groups using the field.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to approve the FAU restroom cleaning for \$1,805.61 per month, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst Yes
Commissioner Engel Yes
Commissioner Rollins Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang Yes
Commissioner Wright Yes

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the payroll and invoices as presented, totaling \$ 55,148.92.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst Yes
Commissioner Engel Yes
Commissioner Rollins Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang Yes
Commissioner Wright Yes

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director:

Swim & Racquet Center

Surge arrestors were installed at the Swim Center.

District Counsel:

Mr. Goren examined pending legislation concerning Special Districts, specifically House Bill 7013 and Senate Bill 1058. If approved, these bills might offer the opportunity to present to voters the continuation of the District, propose voter reauthorization, implement 12-year term limits, and conduct performance reviews. Counsel will provide the Board with ongoing updates on the progression of the bills.

Commissioners:

Commissioner Engel congratulated the re-elected officers and is happy to be associated with all Board members. He extended New Year wishes to everyone and looked forward to a productive 2024.

Commissioner Ehrnst expressed frustration with the slow progress of government projects, noting that everything seems to move at a glacial pace. He would like to revamp the approach to project planning by breaking it down into manageable parts and prioritizing major projects. He believes enhancing park planning and collaborating for upcoming city meetings is crucial.

